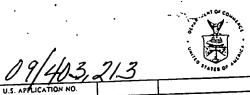
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Washington, D.C. 20231 ATTY. DOCKET NO. FIRST NAMED APPLICANT 60480 М NOTEBORN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/NL98/00213 5071 ROBERT D KATZ PRIORITY DATE I.A. FILING DATE COOPER & DUNHAM 1185 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS 04/15/97 04/15/98 NEW YORK NY 10036 DATE MAILED: 07/06/00 NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495 1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. 2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates RECEIVED COOPER & DUNHAM

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